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Officials cautioned about state finance

The municipal finance system in Michigan is broken and the difficulties facing local municipalities are threatening the overall fiscal health of the state itself.

That was the message Tony Minghine, chief operating officer and associate executive director of the Michigan Municipal League (MML), brought to a meeting of local area officials last week. Minghine and Frank Audia, group managing partner for Plante Moran, have been traveling throughout the state informing officials-and the public-of the difficulties local governments have faced for the past eight years.

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"We have built a system that simply does not work," Minghine told the crowd of elected and appointed officials from southeastern Michigan who met in Romulus. "It's affecting your ability to attract and retain talent. This is going on across the state. We all have the same issues."

Local government finance is in trouble primarily because of the correlation between Proposal A, approved by voters in the mid-90s, and the Headlee Amendment which put a cap on the increase of property taxes each year. When the housing and economic crisis hit around 2008, the drop in property values was so severe that, with the given funding mechanisms, it still hasn't recovered-and probably never will, the municipal finance experts said.

Property values throughout the state dropped about 30 percent, on average, throughout that time, and Headlee and Proposal A only allow for an increase of 3 percent or the rate of inflation-whichever is smaller. Even worse, the state lawmakers have systematically reduced the amount of state shared revenue distributed to cities and townships, essentially plugging

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Westland OK's New $700,000 open air pavilion

Construction of a new, $700,000 open-air pavilion has been approved by Westland officials.

Members of the Westland Downtown Development Authority (DDA) approved a plan to construct the 3,000-square-foot, open-air pavilion which will complement the existing Farmers Market Pavilion and share several of the design elements and building materials. The new structure, to be called the Lions Pavilion, will accommodate the growing popularity of the Westland Farmers and Artisans Marketplace as well as the other amenities at Tattan Park, officials said.

"The Westland Lions are excited to have the reconstruction of the Lions' Pavilion," commented Ken Sharp, director of the Westland Lions Club. "It (the original pavilion) was originally financed and built by the Lions in the late 70s and was later removed due to the remediation of the park," he said.

"We are excited to work with the City of Westland and contribute to the cost of the rebuilding and installation at the Farmers Market."

The project will also include the relocation of the All Service Memorial which is currently installed on the former city hall site on Ford Road. The All Service Memorial was dedicated in 1969 to all who have served, are serving and will serve in any of the U.S. military services.

"I am very excited to see this project move forward at what I consider the city's crown jewel, Tattan Park." commented DDA chairman Mike Londeau. "I believe it will really complement our existing facilities, helping to expand our programming, as well as the needs of our ever-growing Farmers and Artisans Marketplace."

Artists' renderings of the new Lions Pavilion in Westland were presented to members of the Downtown Development Authority last week.

"I appreciate the contributions that the Westland DDA continues to make to the renaissance of Westland," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "This will be another extremely high quality asset in the city's parks portfolio."

The DDA approved a budget that is not to exceed $715,000. The project will be put out for competitive bid the month and construction is expected to be complete in 2017.

Romulus adopts upgraded master plan for development

A lot can change in five years. Officials in the City of Romulus want to make sure that they're able to plan for and react to those trends in their latest version of the Romulus Master Plan.

Members of the city council unanimously adopted the document last week that will set future land use and design standards for development throughout the city. The original master plan was developed more than 12 years ago and the State of Michigan requires it to be updated every five years.

"We were ripe for a five-year amendment," said Brad Strader of LSL planning. "There were changes to zoning ordinances that needed to be supported by the master plan. There have also been some changes in the market conditions and needs, just looking at the state economy and other things going on in the region, that needed to be reflected in the master plan."

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The document is essentially a blueprint for future land uses. It suggested changes in several areas of the city, but left two important ones alone, for now: the downtown and the Vining Road district. The city council met with the planning commission on those areas but decided not to make any changes at the time, opting instead to do further study on them and make amendments to the new master plan either this year or next year.

"It'll give the planning commission and your staff to talk to some of the property owners, get a better understanding of what some of the potential businesses are that would be appropriate there and how to deal with the truck traffic that many of you brought up as a concern," Strader said of the Vining Road areas. Strader said the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is also updating the downtown plan, and it made sense to combine those changes into the master plan.

The plan marks a few development trends, such as less manufacturing and fewer corporate offices, as well as the intermingling of residential areas with home businesses, auto repair and demand for trucking and other logistics businesses. He said there was a need to diversify housing options, too, to retain and attract young people and appeal to the older population.

Some key changes include expanding the light industrial areas on the east side of the airport, keeping the small amount of commercial suggested on the south of the airport, east of I-275-but allowing for additional trucking/logistics and other types of industry there, as well as allowing for additional flexibility of businesses in the city's

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Wayne - Westland

Three peat?
Westland mayor files for re-election

Mayor William Wild, far right, was joined by his wife, Sherrie, and children, Luke, Lily and Payton, when filing for re-election last week.

Westland Mayor William Wild will seek a third term at the helm of the 11th largest city in the state.

Wild was first appointed to the top job in the city in January 2007 when he replaced Sandra Cicirelli who was elected to a judgeship at the 18th District Court. He had served on the Westland City Council since 2001 prior to the appointment. In November that year, he won election to complete her term. He was re-elected as an unopposed candidate in 2009 and again in 2013, a unique situation in the city where there had not been an unopposed mayoral candidate in any previous election.

Wild was accompanied in presenting his filing paperwork at city hall by his wife, Sherri, and children, Luke, Lily and Payton.

"It is a proud day," Wild, 48, commented in an email post. "It has been the honor and privilege of my life to serve as mayor of my hometown since 2007." Wild was raised in the Norwayne section of Westland and is a graduate of John Glenn High School.

"I am so proud of our city and our 85,000 residents. We have an incredible city that recently celebrated our 50th anniversary and was named by 24/7 Wall Street as one of America's best cities to live in under 100,000 population. That is a testament to the incredibly compassionate residents and great city employees and the majority of city council that works very well with the administration," he said.

Wild led the city through a serious recession during his decade in office and saw the opening of Central City Park which had to be remediated from serious chemical waste pollution. He also saw the construction of a new city hall and fire station at no additional tax cost to residents and improvements at Tattan Park. Wild was also instrumental in promoting the adoption of one of the first city-wide recycling program which now collects and recycles more than one million pounds of material annually.

"We have made a lot of progress over the last several years as our community works together to create a safe sustainable community that continues to offer opportunity and a platform for lifelong learning along with a great quality of life for our current and future residents," Wild said. "I'm looking forward to continuing that progress."

Troopers report no serious crime found in Wayne

Wayne officials received some good news from Michigan State Police Lt. Mike Shaw last week when he reported on the early experiences of troopers now patrolling in the city.

"Wayne doesn't have a crime problem," Shaw told the members of the city council during their regular meeting last week. "Our main focus has been traffic."

Shaw told the council members and audience that troopers did take one gun off the streets during a traffic stop and have made 14 arrests during their first few weeks on patrol in Wayne.

Police Chief Alan Maciag and Shaw appeared before the council early last month to explain that troopers would now be helping patrol Wayne streets in an effort to augment the understaffed department. Budgetary cuts in the city which faces a $1.2 million shortfall have left the police department short-handed, Maciag said, and the help of the troopers was welcome.

Shaw said that the main focus of the troopers to date had been traffic stops, particularly on Michigan Avenue.

"We have seen speeds clocked at 69, 70, 85 and our winner at 93 m.p.h.," Shaw said. "All of them received a 'coupon' from Gov. Snyder asking them to contribute to the state budget."

Shaw said that the troopers have not discovered any 'hot spots' for crime in Wayne but that in might take another month to quantify that data.

"People have stopped troopers in the neighborhoods," he said. "People were surprised to see the troopers on patrol."

Shaw stressed that there have been some narcotics arrests during the Wayne traffic stops, but that was not at all uncommon today.

"Some arrests have been drug related, mainly marijuana and some heroin, it is a national problem," he said.

"Drug use is happening in all neighborhoods. If you think it isn't in yours, you are wrong," he said.

2 new officers join force

Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik, left, introduced new officers Kristopher Landis and Shawn Davidson to city officials including Mayor William R. Wild last week.

The latest officers to join the Westland Police Department bring a combined 28 years of public safety experience and have each been honored as the officer of the year in other communities.

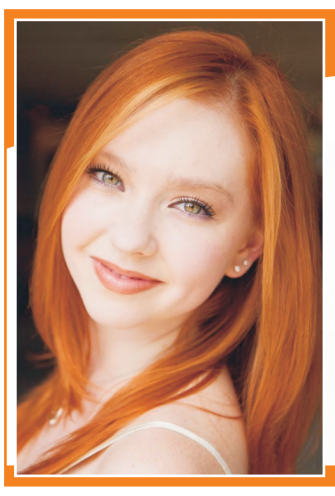
Taking his oath of office Feb. 21 was Kristopher Landis who earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Ferris State University. He also earned his certification from the police academy.

Landis previously served in the Farmington Hills Police Department for 8.5 years where he received numerous unit citations, three lifesaving awards and was named as the 2012 Police Officer of the Year. Landis has been trained in accident investigation and is also an evidence technician.

Also joining the Westland department was Shawn Davidson who joined the U.S. Army as a Black Hawk crew chief straight out of high school. His first assignment was to the 159th Medevac Unit in Germany. Davidson was then deployed to Operation Desert Storm where he received the United States Air Force Medal for selfless service in a combat theater. His next assignment was to Ft. Campbell Kentucky where he was awarded the Army Achievement Medal. He was certified in repelling, completed Air Assault School and attained the rank of sergeant before his honorable discharge from the army.

Davidson returned to Michigan and joined the Detroit Police Department where he served for 20 years. During his time working in Detroit, he was awarded three lifesaving awards, several meritorious awards and was nominated for the United States Medal of Valor. He was honored as the Officer of the Year in 2014. He is also trained in executive protection and is a defensive tactics instructor.

"Both of these officers are highly trained, highly skilled professionals," commented Mayor William Wild. "It is not often you have the opportunity to hire two former Officer of the Year winners. We are extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to welcome these fine officers to the Westland Police Department."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CITY OF WESTLAND

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, **on March 28th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

SALE OF CELL TOWER

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Devin J. Adams
City Controller

CITY OF WESTLAND
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2848-T. Bailey-34010 Tomahawk
Req. for a 1'6" side. yd. fence hgt. variance from Art. X of the City Code as a result of the installation of a 6' high privacy fence in the east street side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.

Petition #2849-C. Bevel-461 Darwin
Req. for a side yd. fence location variance and a 1'6" side yd. fence hgt. variance from Art. X of the Westland City Code in order to install a 6' high privacy fence in the south side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yds. may be enclosed with a fence and Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.

Petition #2850-S. Baki-Alliance Group Management-PID #002-99-0007-000, #022-99-001-000, &002-99-0014-000
Req. for two (2) 57.29' lot width-to-depth variances and four (4) 60.29' lot width-to-depth variances in order to split Parcels #002-99-0007-000, #022-99-001-000, & #002-99-0014-000, resulting in a 1:4.56 lot width-to depth ratios for each of the two proposed lots on Belliveau and a 1:4.6 lot width-to-depth ratios for each of the four (4) proposed lots on Joy Road.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 4 2/21/17

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Cicirelli Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Herzberg, Johnson, Kehrer
16: Adopt. BA 2017-04; 2nd Quarter.
- Adopt NSP Acquisition Resolution for 1 property.
- Appr. funding allocations for CDBG, HOME, & NSP funds; amt. $289,271.
17: Minutes of regular meeting on 2/6/17.
18: Adopted Prepared Resolution allowing 1-day beer sales at Red Wings Charity Hockey Game at Mike Modano Ice Arena on 3/18/17.
19: Appr. application for 1-day liquor license to sell beer at Red Wings Charity Hockey Game at Mike Modano Ice Arena on 3/18/17.
22: Spec. Land Use for prop. Used Vehicle Dealer License, 38164 Executive Dr. w/contingencies.
23: Adopted Resolution to oppose Nuclear Waste Repository in the Great Lakes Basin.
24: Appr. checklist: $ 1,609,482.36.
Mtg. adj. at 9:56 p.m.

James Godbout
Council President

Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND
2017 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Westland Board of Review will be conducting the 2017 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Council Chambers at 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan 48185.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

APPEAL HEARINGS BY APPOINTMENTS ONLY
Monday, March 13, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 14, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 15, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MAIL-IN APPEALS REVIEW ONLY
Thursday, March 16, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2017 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY, and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office, prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner and it must be submitted to the Board of Review on the form prescribed by the assessor's office. Written petitions must be received by Wednesday, March 15, 2017 to be reviewed by the Board. Postmarks are not accepted.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (734) 467-3160.

Richard LeBlanc, CMC
City Clerk

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CANTON - NORTHVILLE

Educational Foundation awards $30,000 grants

The Northville Educational Foundation awarded 41 teachers and 20 projects across the Northville Public Schools district with Innovative Grants totaling $30,224, last year.

Forty-three applications were received requesting more than $90,000 in funding, according to a foundation spokesperson. The applications were reviewed by a panel of seven judges and then scored based on their innovation, how they address curriculum standards, their ability to be replicated, the number of students impacted and the goals for the outcome of the project. The top scores that fit within the $30,000 budget allocated were selected, she added.

The winners included Forensic Science Kits to support STEM curriculum at both middle schools; Gel Electrophoresis kits to support new biomed curriculum at the high school; STEM tool kits at Winchester and Moraine; and unicycles at Moraine which will help develop balance, coordination and muscles, all shown to correlate to positive academic outcomes.

"The Northville Educational Foundation truly appreciates these teachers who are willing to go above and beyond to bring extra programming into their classrooms so that their students can better experience and absorb what they are being taught. Innovative Grants are an opportunity for teachers to experiment with how they teach a lesson, but it's also an opportunity for students to experiment with how they learn," noted a prepared release from the foundation office.

The 20 projects are already being implemented in the classrooms and will impact nearly 4,000 students this year alone at eight of the 10 Northville schools. Many of them will be able to be replicated year after year, the statement continued.

This is the eighth year the foundation has provided Innovative Grants to teachers across the district. A total of $135,000 has been granted to these innovative teachers since the program began, according to the statement.

'Fairy Tale Courtroom' to appear on Cherry Hill stage

The Big Bad Wolf and the Wicked Witch will each stand trial for their villainous actions during the Spotlight Youth Players production of *Fairy Tale Courtroom* March 9-12 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The comedy, which will be performed in the Biltmore Studio, showcases the other side of several familiar fairy tales when both the Big Bad Wolf and the Wicked Witch are brought to trial. Both the Wolf and the Witch have been frolicking from fairy tale to fairy tale wreaking havoc as they try to prevent the general public from living happily ever after. Audiences will hear the personal accounts of what happened, told in testimonies and flashback sequences, from characters such as *Snow White*, *Dorothy*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *the Three Pigs*, *Little Red Riding Hood* and many others, including the Witch and the Wolf themselves, as each trial unfolds.

Fairy Tale Courtroom director Anton Koyton got his start with theater while attending college at Eastern Michigan University where he was part of a theater troupe, CloseUp. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Theater Arts. Since graduating he has gone on to be part of productions such as Chicago, The King and I, Guys and Dolls, and The Drowsy Chaperone. Koyton has also directed two children's shows with Spotlight Youth Players: Harry's Hotter at Twilight in 2014 and Winnie the Pooh in 2016.

As a big fan of fairytales, deciding to be the director of this show was a "no brainer" for Koyton. He also loves to teach kids theater basics.

"Many of the kids I have directed in the past have only done musicals or haven't done theater at all. I want to teach them something new in theater," Koyton said "How amazing it is to see what these kids bring to the table. Join us as we get justice for the Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood, Snow White, and many more."

Assistant director Kayla Thompson said she is excited to be a part of her second Spotlight Youth Players production and is eager to be taking on a larger role this year as producer. Last spring she had the opportunity to assistant direct Winnie the Pooh. Thompson has been on stage since a very young age, but theater and acting came later while she was in high school. After taking a hiatus from theater to attend college, she moved to Michigan and said she was excited to find so many different community theater companies in the area.

"This show has a very funny storyline. It is full of puns and jokes that keep you on your toes and laughing until you cry. Plus, the audience gets to be the jury which means there can be a different outcome for each show. Two possible endings," she said.

Tickets are priced at $16 for adults, and $14 for seniors and youths and can be purchased by calling The Village Theater Box Office at (734) 394-5300 or online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org. In addition, tickets can be purchased at the box office, which opens one hour prior to show time.

For additional information about the group, visit www.spotlightplayersmi.org.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI, 48187.

Canton Foundation now offering student scholarships

More than 700 area students have thanked the Canton Community Foundation for helping them fund their educational efforts.

The foundation has been awarding scholarships to local students in Canton and neighboring areas for more than 26 years. To date, the foundation has given about $700,000 to students to help them meet their goals.

Again this year, the foundation will provide funds to students including some new scholarship categories. The Canton Police Benevolence Fund is offering a scholarship to students in Wayne County who have participated in a police Explorer program. The Plymouth Canton Community Schools is also offering two scholarships, one for pomp on participants and one for a student planning to attend Washtenaw Community College in the automotive and motorcycle technology program.

Applications for the scholarships are available at www.cantonfoundation.org under the scholarship button on the left side of the page. The application can be completed and submitted online and will register students for nearly all available grants.

Deadline to apply is March 17 and successful applicants will be notified of their award in April and introduced at an official ceremony in May.

For more information about the scholarships, the application process or the Canton Community Foundation, contact Beth Meade, managing director of donor relations, at bmeade@cantonfoundation.org or call (734) 495-1200.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Charter Township of Canton, Division of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Charter Township of Canton, Division of Public Works, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, Michigan 48188. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Division of Public Works at 734/394-5150 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

THANK YOU
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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NOTICE TO PUBLIC
BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton the March Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

The following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

Tuesday, March 7th 2017	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 13th 2017	9:00 am - 4:30 pm	
Tuesday, March 14th 2017	1:00 pm - 9:00 pm	
Wednesday, March 15th 2017	1:00 pm - 9:00 pm	

To schedule an appointment or If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may contact the Assessing office at (734) 394-5111.

Michael A. Siegrist
Charter Township of Canton

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – February 21, 2017

A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: Anthony Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Faas, Director Meier, Director Trumbull Carolyn Cox, Rob Creamer, Bill Serchak, Bob Belair, Jeff Goulet, Jon LaFever, Brad Sharp, Janet Aiello Staff Absent: None **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION: TOPIC: 2018 Budget** Director Trumbull presented a PowerPoint regarding the 2018 Budget to the board covering the following topics: 2018 Revenue Assumptions 2018 Expenditure Assumptions Director Faas presented a PowerPoint regarding Municipal Services portion of the 2018 Budget to the board covering the following topics: 2018 MSD Staffing 2018 MSD Budget Summary 2018 Highlights: Building & Inspection Services 2018 Building & Inspection Services Staffing 2018 Highlights: Planning Services 2018 Planning Services Staffing 2018 Highlights: Engineering Services Traffic Signal Infrastructure Painting 2018 Engineering Services Staffing 2018 Highlights: Community Improvement Fund Summit on the Park – 40% of the West Parking Lot Phase 1 of the Administration Building Parking Lot Veteran's Way (Heritage Drive to Civic Center Blvd) 2018 Highlights: Public Works 2018 Highlights: Solid Waste Services 2018 Highlights: Stormwater Drains 2018 Highlights: Water Distribution System 2010 Water Master Plan Projects (Priority #4 of 27) 2018 Highlights: Sanitary Sewer Collection System 2018 Public Works Staffing 2018 Highlights: Fleet Services Fleet Services Staffing MSD Strategic Plan Director Hohenberger presented a PowerPoint regarding Leisure Services portion of the 2018 Budget to the board covering the following topics: Canton Strategic Priorities & Core Values Canton Leisure Services Highlights Canton Budget Process Canton Leisure Services Budget Overview – General Canton Leisure Services Budget Overview – Facilities Maintenance Canton Leisure Services Budget Overview – Parks Canton Leisure Services Budget Overview – Cemetery and Social Services Canton Leisure Services Budget Overview – Senior Services Canton Leisure Services Budget Overview – Recreation Canton Leisure Services Budget Overview – Administration and Sports Center Canton Leisure Services Budget Overview – Performing Arts Center and Historic District Commission Canton Leisure Services Budget Overview – Facilities Maintenance Canton Leisure Services Budget Overview – Summit Community Center Canton Leisure Services Budget Overview – Cable Canton Leisure Services Budget Overview – Fellows Creek Golf Club Canton Leisure Services Budget Overview – Pheasant Run Golf Club Canton Leisure Services Capital Projects Clerk Siegrist reviewed the equipment portion of the Clerk's Office Budget. Director Trumbull resumed the PowerPoint presentation on the 2018 Budget: 2018 Capital Projects – Non Public Safety Outstanding Debt Issues Debt Schedule (Principal and Interest) 2018 Total Revenues by Fund 2018 Total Expenditures by Fund 2018 Projected Fund Balance A complete copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours or by calling 734-394-5120. Trustee Sneideman asked how Canton's 1.1 mills for general fund compares to other communities. Director Trumbull agreed to get this information for the board. Supervisor Williams notified the audience the Automated Recycling topic is being investigated. Several of the board members have questions that need to be addressed. Once the answers are received, the board will decide whether to bring it to the 2-28-2017 meeting. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, asked what the $10000 for the Dog Park will be used for. Director Hohenberger explained the budget is for various upgrades to the park and entrance system. The user fees cover the entire budgeted amount. Miller asked about royalties from the tip fees covering the Summit facility. Miller asked if there is a grievance form. Director Meier explained there is a citizen complaint form. Walt Filas, resident, commented on the 2016 explanation of taxes published by the treasurer's office with regard to solid waste disposal and additional automated recycling fees. He would like the option not to pay the user fee for a service that is not mandatory. Kathy Filas, resident, asked if ordinance negated the contract with GFL because the township did not solicit bids. Supervisor Williams replied no. Filas asked who is responsible for injuries inflicted as a result of sidewalk damage. Williams replied the property owner or the township. Filas asked if ordinance requires home owners to maintain their sidewalks. Williams replied yes. Filas asked how to file a complaint. Williams replied complaints are filed with Public Safety – Ordinance. **OTHER:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. **Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk** Copies of the PowerPoint presentations, as well as the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board approval.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID (ITB)
HAWK SIGNAL MAST ARM MODERNIZATION
ITC TRAIL CROSSINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, will accept sealed bids at the Office of The Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 16, 2017, at which time and place said Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following approximate quantities of work:

Traffic and pedestrian signal installation and appurtenances at the ITC Trail intersection with Palmer Road and Cherry Hill Road

Contract Documents are on file with Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk.

Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188; Construction Association of Michigan, 43636 Woodward, P.O. Box 3204, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48302; and Wade Trim Associates, Inc., 25251 Northline Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180. Plans and spec are also available for viewing (not to be used for bidding purposes) on line at: www.wadetrim.com/resources/bid-tab/

Copies of the Contract Documents for bidding purposes must be obtained at the office(s) of Wade Trim Associates Inc., 25251 Northline Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180, starting on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, upon making a payment of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars if picked up or Ninety ($90.00) Dollars if mailed (checks or money orders only - payable to Wade Trim, no cash), none of which will be refunded.

The MDOT 2012 Standard Specifications for Construction, Division 2 through Division 9, including any issued Errata, are hereby incorporated into this Contract by reference and apply to work on this Project. Wherever the MDOT 2012 Standard Specifications for Construction is in conflict with the Specifications or Special Provisions contained within the Project Manual, the Specifications or Special Provisions contained within the Project Manual shall apply.

No Bid will be considered from any Bidder unless prequalified with the Michigan Department of Transportation in type and the magnitude of the work proposed, in accordance with the "Administrative Rules Governing the Prequalification of Bidders for Highway and Transportation Construction Work." The Bidder shall furnish evidence of such prequalification with his Bid. If the Bidder proposes to use any subcontractors, they must also be prequalified for the type and magnitude of the work proposed.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order, or bid bond, in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount bid, drawn payable to Charter Township of Canton as security for the proper execution of the Agreement.

The Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in any bids should it consider same to be in its best interest.

Bids may not be withdrawn for the period of 60 days after date of receiving bids.

All inquiries shall be directed to Kelly McRobb-Ackland (734) 947-9700.

Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk

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Inkster - Plymouth

Hall of Fame

Inkster Marvelettes to be re-inducted as music legends

The Marvelettes, a group of Motown singers from Inkster, will be re-inducted into the Rhythm and Blues Hall of Fame this year.

The group included Inkster High School students Gladys Horton, Katherine Anderson (now Schaffner), Georgeanna Tillman (later Gordon), Juanita Cowart (now Cowart Motley), and Georgia Dobbins, who was replaced by Wanda Young (now Rogers) prior to the group signing their first deal. They were the first major successful act of Motown Records after the Miracles and its first significantly successful girl group after the release of the 1961 number-one single, Please Mr. Postman, one of the first number-one singles recorded by an all-female vocal group and the first by a Motown recording act.

Founded in 1960 when the founding members performed together at their glee club at Inkster High School, they were signed to Motown's Tamla label in 1961. Some of their early hits were written by band members and some of Motown's rising singer-songwriters such as Smokey Robinson and Marvin Gaye, who played drums on a majority of their early recordings.

They had another major hit in 1966 with Don't Mess with Bill, along with several other smaller hits. The group had their struggles and Cowart left the group in 1963, followed by Georgeanna Tillman two years later, and Gladys Horton two after that. The group ceased performing together in 1969 and, following the release of The Return of the Marvelettes in 1970, featuring only Wanda Rogers, disbanded for good, with both Rogers and Katherine Anderson leaving the music business.

The group has received several honors including induction into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame, as well as receiving the Pioneer Award from the Rhythm and Blues Foundation. In 2005,Please Mr. Postman and Don't Mess with Bill earned million-selling Gold singles awards.

The group was first inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2013 although only one member of the foursome was able to make the trip to Cleveland at that time.

"We feel it is befitting to re-induct them and we have members coming to the upcoming induction ceremony," noted LaMont Robinson, founder/CEO Rhythm & Blues Hall of Fame.

Among the major artists nominated for induction this year in addition to The Marvelettes are: Mitch Ryder, New Edition, Stevie Wonder, Gladys Knight & The Pips, Patti LaBelle, Sam & Dave, James Brown and The Impressions while non-artists included TV Host and entrepreneur Dick Clark, executives Berry Gordy from Motown, Gamble & Huff of Philadelphia International Records, Clive Davis of Columbia and Arista, and both radio personalities Ernie Durham and Martha 'Jean The Queen" Steinberg

Ten(10) music icons will be inducted into the Rhythm & Blues Hall of Fame on June 11, at The Music Hall in Detroit.. Tickets are now on sale at the Music Hall box office and can be ordered by calling (313) 887-8500.

The Marvelettes

Plymouth Library hosts authors

The creators of some of the most popular books for both children and adults will be on hand to talk to readers during the Author Fair at the Plymouth District Library.

The annual Author Fair will take place from 1-3 p.m. March 11 and showcase authors from both Plymouth and surrounding communities.

Books will be available for purchase and signing by the various authors, including books for children writers: Jack Leyden, Tom Bunker and the Start of a Strange Experience; Linda McLean, Wanda and Winky; Ian Moore, Zōsan; Stephanie Neilan, The Cinderella Connection; Tirsa Tan, Golden Cucumber, an Indonesian Fairy Tale and Carol Trembath, Water Walkers.

Authors of books for teens will include: Teresa Lee / Brian Webster, Black Ice; Anthony Fielek, Death of the Republic; Gary Rembisz, Black Feathers in Black Hats and Michael J. Schultz, The Vela Project.

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Authors of works for adult readers will include: Brian Anderson, Chip Dip; K. M. Guerin, La Reyna; Donald Levin, Guilt in Hiding; Jon Milan/ Gail Offen, Iconic Restaurants of Ann Arbor; Antoinette Pearson, Truth Transforms Education: A Framework for New School Leaders; Terrance Puryear, Does Your Net Work: Exceptional Leadership through Biblical Principles; Bill Rapai, Lake Invaders: Invasive Species and the Battle for the Future of the Great Lakes; Pam Rossi, Over Easy Conversations with Pam Rossi; Kathleen Shepherd Sleek, Ghost by the Side of the Road: The Legacy of an Old Saltbox Farmhouse; Monica Starkman, The End of Miracles: A Novel; P. K. Sumner, Behind the Faces of Suicide: Stories of Grief & Hope; Cheryl Vatcher-Martin, One Room School: Vanishing One Room Schools.

The author with the best book display based on attendee votes, will be awarded a prize as will two visitors to the event. The library is located at 223 S Main St. in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0750.

Library welcomes new director

Donna Sherrill has been named as the new director at the Leanna Hicks Public Library of Inkster.

Sherrill's background is in financial and business operations, customer service, marketing, and public service, according to a library spokesperson. Sherrill was employed by the Detroit Public Library for 13 years. A native Detroit, Sherrill has earned a masters degree in library and information science from Wayne State University.

A public reception for Sherrill is planned from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8 at the library.

The event will also offer the opportunity to learn what resources and programs are available at the library and meet the library staff and board of directors. Refreshments will be served.

The library is located at 2025 Inkster Road, Inkster. For more information, call (313)563-2822.

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01. Obituaries
02. In Memoriam
03. Cards of Thanks
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40. Business Opportunity
42. Health and Fitness
43. Money to Loan
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50. Pets & Supplies
54. Rummage Sales
55. Estate Sales
56. Flea Markets
57. Antiques
58. Garage and Yard Sales
59. Auctions
60. Moving Sales
61. Misc. Items
62. Building Supplies
63. Business and OfficeEquipment
64. Lawn & Garden Supplies
65. Tree Service
66. Landscape / Nurseries
67. Garden Plant / Supplies
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70. Masonry / Brickwork
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78. Hunting / Fishing
82. Wanted to Buy
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92. Business Places for Rent
93. Banquet Halls
94. Farm Land for Rent
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96. Houses for Rent
97. Cottages for Rent
98. Manufactured/Mobile Homes
99. Flats for Rent
100. Will Share
101. Wanted to Rent
102. Storage
103. Business Property for Sale
104. Farms & Acreage for Sale
105. Mobile Homes for Sale
106. Houses for Sale
107. Condos/Townhouses for Sale
108. Lake and Resort
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Craft Beer &
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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

March is Reading Month celebrated at library

March is Reading Month and the Romulus Public Library has several special programs planned to interest readers of all ages.

Under way now is the BINGO game and cards are now available at the library. Readers can turn in their completed BINGO card by March 31 to be eligible for the grand prize drawing. The library is also sponsoring the Get Caught Reading event this month - participants can take a picture of someone reading or have someone take a picture of them reading and send it to the library. Photos will be displayed on the "I Got Caught Reading" wall.

Other programs include: Monday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m.- Garden Club Speaker

The Romulus Garden Club will be hosting a speaker.

Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. Rufus the Dufus' Juggling Show is planned. Rufus the Dufus is back with a comic program sure to amaze audiences.

Monday, March 13 at 7p.m.- Second Monday Book Club members will meet to discuss "The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared" by Jonas Jonassan.

Tuesday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. Crosswinds Marsh will present a live animal program. Jennifer Panek will be at the library to read aloud about the marshlands and she will bring along some of her marshland friends.

Thursday, March 16 at 6 p.m. Healthy Living Workshop. Dr. Travis Dockery from True Health Chiropractic in Romulus will be sharing information on nutrition, exercise, and pain management for healthy living. This event is one of two identical programs - the other is scheduled for Saturday, April 8.

Monday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m.- Garden Club planning meeting is scheduled. Members of the Romulus Garden Club will be discussing gardening topics and planning community outreach for the upcoming growing season.

Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. The Storytellers, Build a Better World with Music and Stories program is planned. The storytellers will be at the library with a hands-on, interactive program that combines stories and music.

Tuesday, March 21 at 10:30 a.m. Senior Book Club members will meet to discuss "Ruby" by Cynthia Bond and "The Valley of Amazement" by Amy Tan. The Senior Book Club meets at the Senior Center on Bibbins Street.

Saturday, March 25 at 1:30 p.m. ESL Conversation Group (English as a Second Language) residents will meet to practice English in a comfortable, informal setting. This group will be meeting every fourth Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the Romulus Public Library.

Tuesday, March 27 at 4 p.m. Anime Club members will meet to watch, eat, craft, and talk manga/anime. Cosplay is welcome and the meeting is open to all ages..

Tuesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. Literacy event - Books, BINGO, and More. The library is partnering with the Guidance Center and the Recreation Department for this program. There will be snacks, crafts, prizes, and more.

Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. Storyteller Jenifer Strauss will present "Every Family has a Story"including stories of her own and tips/tricks for becoming storytellers.

Wednesdays - March 1, 8, and 15 at 10:30 a.m. Parent/Child Interactive Story Time:

The library is partnering with the Guidance Center for a story time focused on early literacy. There will be playing, stories, crafts, and snacks. Ages 4 and under; older siblings are welcome.

Adult Literacy Program volunteers are being sought including tutors and learners. Volunteers should be able to commit 2 hours per week. For more information, call the library.

Adult One-on-One Computer Tutoring

Call the library to schedule a 30 minute appointment. Library staff can assist with computer basics, Internet, email and word processing.

All programs subject to change. No registration is required for any programs, unless specified and all programs are free, stressed library officials.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7589 or access http://www.romulus.lib.mi.us.

Plan

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southern gateway. The plan also provides for improved aesthetics for developments along I-275 and other highly public roadways.

"We gave industry more flexibility in the types of uses and the design standards were increased where the public will most likely see it to give the city a good image," he said.

The Master Plan is designed to support changes in ordinances and suggest the best possible land use. Strader said the city had done a good job of implementing the changes suggested during the last revision and recognized that the trends may change when it's time to update the plan again.

"About 70 percent of the recommendations of the old master plan have been implemented or are under way," Strader said. "Some of other recommendations weren't applicable any more-the issues of five or seven years ago aren't the issues of today, so we took those out. We replaced them with the issues and opportunities we see in 2017 and moving forward to 2022."

The full master plan is available on the City of Romulus website.

Finance

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state budget holes on the backs of local governments.

Romulus has lost about $8.4 million in state shared revenue during that time; the City of Wayne about $7.8 million; Canton Township, about $21 million; Plymouth Township about $7 million; the City of Westland, about $30 million. At the same time, the overall property tax revenue collected by the state has gone up, according to Minghine.

"The idea of shared sacrifice is simply not true," he said.

Municipalities have had to cut staff and, in many cases, services, to the bone. In Romulus, for example, there are 100 fewer city employees today than in 2008. The city took drastic measures-closing the library, shutting down the parks and recreation department-to stave off deep cuts to public safety. They also started a multi-year budget cycle and enacted concepts discussed during a five-year visioning session that took place in 2009 to weather the financial storm. As a result, the city is now seeing a comeback, with parks again reopened and maintained and a library that has improved its services and hours.

"We've come a long way, but there's still a lot to do," said Romulus Mayor Leroy Burcroff. The 2016-2017 budget was balanced only by dipping into the general fund reserves.

Like in Romulus, the City of Wayne has attempted several millage requests and

Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe

special tax authorities to attempt to resolve its funding crisis. As in Romulus, those measures were defeated by voters. The city is in budget talks now, looking at every area of expense and potential revenue in hopes of averting a state takeover. Other local communities have managed to weather the financial tsunami more successfully.

The MML has created a website for elected officials, business leaders and residents with information about the issue and provide ways to take action. There's also a database at saveMIcity.org that estimates the amount of state shared revenue each municipality has lost.

The answer, Audia said, is not an easy one.

"There's a lot of work that needs to be done. This is a long game plan," he said. "We've got to get everyone to understand the issue.

"I don't think there's one easy answer," he added. "It's a wholesale reform that's needed. It's really an issue of looking at the whole model."

Museum lecture series set

The Belleville Historical Museum will host the Third Thursday Lecture Series again this spring.

The lectures all begin at 6 p.m. and pizza and refreshments are provided.

Admission for Belleville Historical Society members is free and admission is $5 for non-members.

Upcoming lectures will take place March 16 when the topic will be the Story of the Dodge Brothers by Russell Dore; Tri-Community Civil War Heroes, April 20; Sauk Trail/The Old Chicago Road/US 12 Part II, May 18 with John Geisler and The Alaskan Inside Passage with the Al and Dave Eicher on June 15.

The museum is located at 405 Main St. For information, call (734) 697-1944.

Spring Fashion show planned

Members of the Belleville Area Women's Club will present their annual Spring Fling Fashion Show at the Belleville Yacht Club from 6-9 p.m. Monday, April 3.

The event, which is usually a sell-out, will feature strolling buffets, a cash bar, silent and Chinese auctions as well as the fashion display.

Tickets can be purchased from any club member, at Moving the Mitten Real Estate Group, 245 Main St. Belleville or by calling Therese Antonelli at (734) 777-9094.

Tickets are priced at $32.

The Belleville Yacht Club (BYC) is located at 831 East Huron River Dr.

CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP 16/17-22 2017 DDA EVENT/CONCERT PRODUCTION FIRM FOR "SOUNDS IN DOWNTOWN" AND PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

The City of Romulus, Michigan on behalf of the Romulus Downtown Development Authority, is seeking proposals from qualified event and concert production firms to manage, produce and to provide all the sound engineering, sound and lighting equipment needed for and all personnel required for its operation and to contract with all musical entertainment for the "Sounds in Downtown" free summer concert series and for the three day annual Romulus DDA Pumpkin Festival.

(1) Qualified firms wishing to submit proposals must use the forms provided by the City. RFP forms and specifications may be obtained by visiting the MITN system @ www.mitn.info.
(2) Three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted in sealed envelopes and delivered to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., local time, Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Proposals should be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed using the proposal label provided herein
(3) At approximately 2:45, local time all timely received proposals are to be publicly opened and read.
(4) The City reserves the right to reject all proposals and to waive irregularities.
(5) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive irregularities.
(6) Proposals may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the published date for submitting proposals.
(7) The successful Company will be required to submit proof of all insurance required by the RFP documents and all required endorsements.
(8) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
2017 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll. Please come prepared, as a ten (10) minute time limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

March 13, 2017:	9:00 am to 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
March 14, 2017:	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
March 15, 2017:	9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Residents and Non-Residents may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board **OR** (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals/documentation no later than March 15, 2017 at 12:00 pm.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. According to Ordinance, all Representatives or Agents MUST submit an original, notarized, current proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment to appeal to the March Board of Review, please call the City of Romulus Department of Assessment at 734. 942.7520.

For the purpose of addressing clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact, poverty exemptions, veteran's exemptions, and principal residence exemptions, the Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, Council Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on:

July 18, 2017:	9:30 am
December 12, 2017:	9:30 am

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

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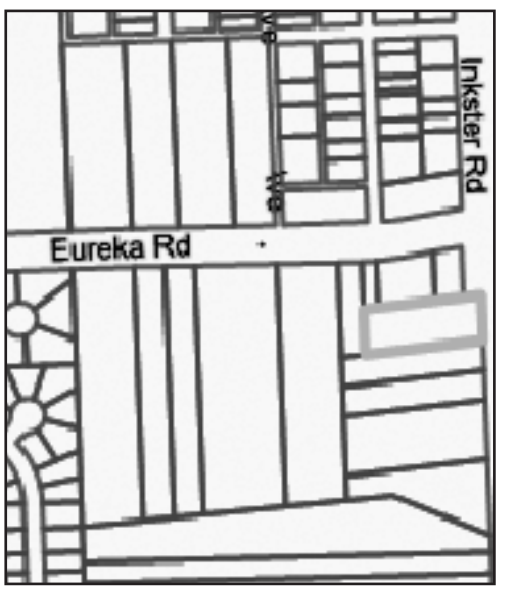
CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Top Shelf Rezoning
Inkster Road south of Eureka

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017 for the purpose of considering a proposed amendment to the City of Romulus Zoning Map to rezone property from the current designation of R-1A, Single-family Residential District to C-1, Local Business District. The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to rezone Parcel # 80-141-99-0010-701 to C-1, Local Business since it includes a portion of the Top Shelf retail center.



The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

ETHICS ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT 19

ORDINANCE NO. 1016_

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PROVIDING FOR TITLE; PROVIDING FOR SCOPE, PURPOSE AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS OF CONDUCT; PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS REGARDING: PERSONAL OPINIONS, PUBLIC RESOURCES, PERSONAL PROFIT, INCOMPATIBILITY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, AND PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL INTERESTS; PROVIDING FOR REFERENCE TO THE STATE CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT, THE VALIDITY OF CONTRACTS, OF CONTRACTS, AND VOTING ON, MAKING, OR PARTICIPATING IN GOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS; PROVIDING FOR ANTI-NEPOTISM STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS REGARDIN REPRESENTATION BEFORE GOVERNMENTAL BODY; PROVIDING FOR TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE AND ANNUAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR FILING AND DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINTS; PROVIDING FOR PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 1016, Amendment 19, the Ethics Ordinance, is hereby adopted to read as follows:

SECTION I. TITLE.

This ordinance shall be known and may be referred to as the Charter Township of Plymouth Ethics Ordinance. This Ordinance shall be placed in Chapter II of the Code of Ordinances for the Charter Township of Plymouth.

SECTION II. ETHICS ORDINANCE.

1. Scope, purpose and intent.

The purpose of this ordinance is to set forth standards of conduct for the elected and appointed officials of the Charter Township of Plymouth and, to the extent not otherwise governed by applicable collective bargaining agreements or the personnel manual, its employees. The citizens of the Charter Township of Plymouth are entitled to fair, ethical, and accountable local government that affords them full confidence in its integrity. Furthermore, the effective functioning of democratic government requires that public officials comply with both the letter and the spirit of the laws and policies affecting the operations of government, that public officials be independent, impartial, and fair in their judgment and actions, that public office be used only for public good and not for personal gain, and that public deliberations and processes be conducted openly, unless such deliberations and processes are lawfully closed to the public, in an atmosphere of respect and civility.

The ordinance also provides references to certain state statutes that regulate the conduct of officers and employees of local government.

2. Definitions

For purposes of this ordinance, the following words are defined as follows:

EMPLOYEE. A person employed by the Township, whether on a full-time or part-time basis.

GIFT. Any gratuity, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbearance, or other tangible or intangible item having monetary value including, but not limited to, cash, food and drink, travel, lodging, and honoraria for speaking engagements related to or attributable to government employment or the official position of an officer or employee.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACT. A contract in which the Charter Township of Plymouth acquires goods or services, or both, from another person or entity, but the term does not include a contract pursuant to which a person serves as an employee or appointed officer of the Charter Township of Plymouth.

GOVERNMENTAL DECISION. A determination, action, vote, or disposition upon a motion, proposal, recommendation, resolution, ordinance, or measure on which a vote by an officer or official is required and by which a public entity formulates or effectuates public policy.

IMMEDIATE FAMILY. A person and a person's spouse and the person's children and step-children, by blood or adoption.

OFFICER OR OFFICIAL. A person who holds office, by election or appointment, within the Charter Township of Plymouth, regardless of whether the officer is compensated for service in his or her official capacity.

OFFICIAL ACTION. A decision, recommendation, approval, disapproval, or other action or failure to act which involves the use of discretionary authority.

PROHIBITED SOURCE. Any person or entity who:

(1) is seeking official action: (i) by an officer; or (ii) by an employee or by the officer or another employee directing that employee;

(2) does business or seeks to do business: (i) with the officer; or (ii) with an employee or with the officer or another employee directing that employee;

(3) conducts activities regulated: (i) by the officer; or (ii) by an employee or by the officer or another employee directing that employee; or

(4) has interests that may be substantially affected by the performance or nonperformance of the official duties of the officer or employee.

3. Standards of Conduct

(A) Except as permitted by this ordinance, no officer or official of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall intentionally solicit or accept any gift from any prohibited source or which is otherwise prohibited by law or ordinance.

(B) Subdivision (A) is not applicable to the following:

(1) Opportunities, benefits, and services that are available on the same conditions as for the general public.

(2) Anything for which the officer or official pays the fair market value.

(3) Any contribution that is lawfully made under the Campaign Finance Laws of the State of Michigan.

(4) A gift from a relative, meaning those people related to the individual as father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, great aunt, great uncle, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, grandfather, grandmother, grandson, granddaughter, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, and including the father, mother, grandfather, or grandmother of an individual's spouse and the individual's fiancé or fiancée.

(5) Anything provided by an individual on the basis of a personal friendship unless the recipient has reason to believe that, under the circumstances, the gift was provided because of the official position or employment of the recipient and not because of the personal friendship. In determining whether a gift is provided on the basis of personal friendship, the recipient shall consider the circumstances under which the gift was offered, such as: (i) the history of the relationship between the individual giving the gift and the recipient of the gift, including any previous exchange of gifts between those individuals; (ii) whether, to the actual knowledge of the recipient, the individual who gave the gift personally paid for the gift or sought a tax deduction or business reimbursement for the gift; and (iii) whether, to the actual knowledge of the recipient, the individual who gave the gift also at the same time gave the same or similar gifts to other officers or employees.

(6) Food or refreshments not exceeding $50 per person in value on a single calendar day, provided that the food or refreshments are: (i) consumed on the premises from which they were purchased or prepared; or (ii) catered. For purposes of this Section, "catered" means food or refreshments that are purchased ready to consume which are delivered by any means.

(7) Food, refreshments, lodging, transportation, and other benefits resulting from outside business or employment activities (or outside activities that are not connected to the official duties of an officer or employee) if the benefits have not been offered or enhanced because of the official position or employment of the officer or official and are customarily provided to others in similar circumstances.

(8) Intra-governmental and inter-governmental gifts. For the purpose of this ordinance, "intra-governmental gift" means any gift given to an officer or official from another officer**,** official, or employee of the Charter Township of Plymouth, and "inter-governmental gift" means any gift given to an officer or official by an officer**,** official**,** or employee of another governmental entity.

(9) Bequests, inheritances, and other transfers at death.

(10) Any item or items from any one prohibited source during any calendar year having a cumulative total value of less than $50.

Each of the exceptions listed in this Subdivision is mutually exclusive and independent of every other.

(C) An officer or official does not violate this ordinance if he or she promptly takes reasonable action to return a gift from a prohibited source.

(D) An officer or official shall not divulge to an unauthorized person confidential information acquired in the course of service as the officer or official in advance of the time prescribed by the Charter Township of Plymouth for its authorized release to the public. Suppression of or refusal to provide public records of the Charter Township of Plymouth is governed by the FOIA, the Records Retention Schedule of the Charter Township of Plymouth as approved by the State Archivist, and MCL 750.491 (Public records; removal, mutilation or destruction; penalty).

4. Personal Opinion

An officer or official shall not represent his or her personal opinion as that of the Charter Township of Plymouth.

5. Public Resources

An officer or official shall use personnel resources, property, and funds under the officer's or official's official care and control judiciously and solely in accordance with prescribed constitutional, statutory, and regulatory procedures and not for personal gain or benefit.

6. Personal Profit

An officer or official shall not engage in a business transaction in which the officer or official may profit from his or her official position or authority or benefit financially from confidential information which the officer or official has obtained or may obtain by reason of that position or authority. Instruction which is not done during regularly scheduled working hours, except for annual leave or vacation time, shall not be considered a business transaction pursuant to this section if the instructor does not have any direct dealing with or influence on the employing or contracting facility associated with his or her course of employment with the Charter Township of Plymouth.

7. Incompatibility and Conflicts of Interest

Except as otherwise provided in Const 1963, statute, or in Subsection 9, an officer or official shall not engage in or accept employment or render services for a private or public interest when that employment or service is incompatible or in conflict with the discharge of the officer's or official's official duties or when that employment may tend to impair his or her independence of judgment or action in the performance of official duties. The simultaneous holding of more than one public position under certain circumstances is contrary to the requirements of the Incompatible Public Offices Act, MCL 15.181 *et seq*. However, the simultaneous holding of certain public positions is specifically authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 or state statute.

8. Personal and financial interests

Except as provided in Subsection 9, an officer or official shall not participate in the negotiation or execution of contracts, making of loans, granting of subsidies, fixing of rates, issuance of permits or certificates, or other regulation or supervision relating to a business entity in which the officer or official has a financial or personal interest.

The Conflict of Interest Act, 1968 PA 317, MCL 15.321 *et seq*., governs the solicitation by and participation in government contracts by officers and officials of the Charter Township of Plymouth and preempts all local regulations of such conduct. However, the Conflict of Interest Act does not apply to contracts between the Charter Township of Plymouth and its officers and officials which are based on the Charter Township of Plymouth's powers to appoint officers and officials and hire employees.

Section 2 of the State Ethics Act, 1973 PA 196, MCL 15.342, sets forth the standards listed in Subsections 3 to 8 of this Ordinance. However, no sanctions are imposed for violation of these standards by officers and officials of local units of government. Hence there is no need for this ordinance to impose sanctions for the violation of these standards of conduct.

9. State Conflict of Interest Act, Validity of Contracts, and Voting on, Making, or Participating in Governmental Decisions

(1) This ordinance shall not in any manner vary or change the requirements of 1968 PA 317, being sections 15.321 to 15.330 of the Michigan Compiled Laws which governs the solicitation by and participation in government contracts by officers and officials of the Charter Township of Plymouth and preempts all local regulation of such conduct.

(2) This ordinance is intended as a code of ethics for the Charter Township of Plymouth's officers and officials. A contract in respect to which a public officer or official acts in violation of this ordinance shall not be considered to be void or voidable unless the contract is a violation of a statute which specifically provides for the remedy.

(3) Subject to subdivision (4), Subsections 7 and 8 shall not apply, and an officer or official shall be permitted to vote on, make, or participate in making a governmental decision if all of the following occur:

(a) The requisite quorum necessary for official action on the governmental decision by the Charter Township of Plymouth to which the officer or official has been elected or appointed is not available because the participation of the officer or official in the official action would otherwise violate Subsections 7 and 8.

(b) The officer or official is not paid for working more than 25 hours per week for the Charter Township of Plymouth.

(c) The officer or official promptly discloses any personal, contractual, financial, business, or employment interest he or she may have in the governmental decision, and the disclosure is made part of the public record of the official action on the governmental decision.

(4) If a governmental decision involves the awarding of a contract, Subsections 7 and 8 shall not apply, and an officer or official shall be permitted to vote on, make, or participate in making the governmental decision if all of the following occur:

(a) All of the conditions of subdivision (3) are fulfilled.

(b) The officer or official will directly benefit from the contract in an amount less than $250.00 or less than 5% of the public cost of the contract, whichever is less.

(c) The officer or official files a sworn affidavit containing the information described in subdivision (4)(b) with the Charter Township of Plymouth making the governmental decision.

(d) The affidavit required by subdivision (4)(c) is made a part of the public record of the official action on the governmental decision.

10. Political Activities of Public Employee or Public Officer or Official

(1) Employees of local units of government running for office, political campaigning by employees, and limitations on officers and officials and employees seeking support from other employees for those campaigning for public office and for or against ballot proposals are regulated by the Political Activities by Public Employees Act, MCL 15.401 *et seq*. Complaints may be filed pursuant to MCL 15.406. Violation of the provisions of this Act by employees and appointed officers are subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination by the appointing authority. Violations of the ordinance are also subject to the sanctions provided herein.

(2) Michigan Campaign Finance Act, MCL 169.201 *et seq*. Complaints regarding compliance with this Act may be filed with the Michigan Department of State.

11. Anti-nepotism

Unless the Charter Township of Plymouth shall, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, which shall be recorded as part of its official proceedings, determine that the best interests of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall be served and the individual considered by such a vote has met the qualifications for appointive office or employment, the following relatives of any elected or appointed officer or official are disqualified from holding any appointed office or employment during the term for which said elected or appointed officer or official was elected or appointed: spouse, child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, or the spouse of any of them. This Section shall in no way disqualify such relatives or their spouses who are bona fide appointed officers**,** officials, or employees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at the time of the election or appointment of said officer or official to elective Charter Township of Plymouth office.

12. Representation Before Governmental Body

An officer or official of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall not represent any other person in any matter that the person has before the Charter Township of Plymouth when the officer or official appoints or otherwise supervises the board, commission, officer, official, or employee responsible for handling the matter.

13. Transactional Disclosure

Whenever an officer or official is required to recuse himself or herself under this ordinance, he or she:

(a) shall immediately refrain from participating further in the matter;

(b) shall promptly inform his or her superior, if any; and

(c) shall promptly file with the Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Plymouth a signed Affidavit of Disclosure disclosing the reason for recusal. The Township Clerk shall send copies of the Affidavit of Disclosure to all of the members of the governing body of the Charter Township of Plymouth, and the Affidavit of Disclosure shall be attached to the minutes of its next meeting.

The Clerk shall create and make available to officers and/or officials an Affidavit of Disclosure – Transactional Form.

14. Annual Disclosure Statement

The following elected and appointed officers and officials shall file an annual disclosure statement: members of the Board of Trustees; members of the Board of Review, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, the Civil Service Commission, the Downtown Development Authority, the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and any board or commission created by the Board of Trustees after the adoption of this ordinance. The annual disclosure statement shall disclose the following financial interest of the officer or official or his or her immediate family in any company, business, or entity that has contracted with the Charter Township of Plymouth or which has sought licensure or approvals from the Charter Township of Plymouth in the two calendar years prior to the filing of the statement:

(a) Any interest as a partner, member, employee, or contractor in or for a co-partnership or other unincorporated association;

(b) Any interest as a beneficiary or trustee in a trust;

(c) Any interest as a director, officer, employee, or contractor in or for a corporation, or as a member employee, or contractor for a limited liability company; and

(d) Legal or beneficial ownership of 1% or more of the total outstanding stock of a corporation.

(e) Any pending litigation involving the Charter Township of Plymouth.

The annual disclosure statement shall include a summary listing each business transaction with the Charter Township of Plymouth involving a financial interest described in this section of the Charter Township of Plymouth officer or official and/or the immediate family of the officer or official during the two prior calendar years. If there is no reportable financial interest or transaction applicable to the officer or official and/or the immediate family of the officer or official, the annual disclosure statement shall contain a certification to that effect.

The Clerk shall create and make available to the elected and appointed officers and officials an Affidavit of Disclosure – Annual Form.

The Township Clerk shall provide an annual notice to each officer or official stating the requirement and date by which to file the disclosure statement.

15. Filing and Disposition of Complaints

(A) As deemed appropriate in its discretion, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall:

(1) Upon receipt of a signed, notarized, written complaint against an officer or official, investigate, conduct hearings and deliberations, conduct or issue referrals for disciplinary hearings, and refer violations of this ordinance or state or federal criminal statutes to the attention of the appropriate attorney with a request for the filing of the appropriate criminal prosecution or civil infraction enforcement.

(2) Receive information from the public pertaining to its investigations and seek additional information and documents from officers**,** officials, and employees of the Charter Township of Plymouth.

(3) Request the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers pertinent to an investigation. It is the obligation of all officers**,** officials, and employees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to cooperate with the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth during the course of its investigations.

(B) Complaints alleging a violation of this ordinance shall be filed with the Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Plymouth. Within 3 business days after the receipt by the Township Clerk of a complaint, the Township Clerk shall send by certified mail, return receipt requested, a notice to the respondent that a complaint has been filed against him or her, together with a copy of the complaint. Within 3 business days after receipt by the Township Clerk of a complaint, the Township Clerk shall send by certified mail, return receipt requested, a notice of confirmation of receipt of the complaint, together with a copy of the complaint, to the complainant. The notices sent to the respondent and the complainant shall also advise them of the date, time, and place of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth hearing to determine the sufficiency of the complaint and to establish whether probable cause exists that the respondent named in the complaint violated this ordinance. The Township Clerk shall also concurrently send copies of the foregoing complaint and notices to the members of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth.

(C) (1) The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall conduct a hearing to review the sufficiency of the complaint and, if the complaint is deemed sufficient to allege a violation of this ordinance, to determine whether there is a reasonable basis to believe that the respondent has violated this ordinance based on the evidence presented by the complainant and any additional evidence provided to the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at the hearing pursuant to its investigatory powers. The complainant and respondent may be represented by counsel at the hearing. Within a reasonable period of time after the completion of the hearing, which may be conducted in one or more sessions at the discretion of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall issue notice to the complainant and the respondent of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth's ruling on the sufficiency of the complaint and, if necessary, as to whether they find that there is a reasonable basis to believe that the respondent has violated this ordinance.

(2) If the complaint is deemed sufficient to allege a violation of this ordinance, and the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth finds that there is a reasonable basis to believe that the respondent has violated this ordinance, then the Board of Trustees may: (a) issue a formal statement of censure for a serious violation or a formal letter of reproval for misconduct that is less serious, or (b) if the case warrants it, refer the matter to the appropriate agency for possible criminal prosecution or civil litigation.

(D) Sections 2b-2e of the State Ethics Act, MCL 15.341 *et seq*, set forth protections for officers**,** officials, and employees who act as whistleblowers regarding the conduct of the Charter Township of Plymouth's officers and officials. Additional whistleblower protections are set forth in the Whistleblowers' Protection Act, 1980 PA 469, MCL 15.361 *et seq*.

(E) A complaint must be filed with the Township Clerk within 2 years of the date the offense is alleged to have occurred.

(F) The Clerk shall create and make available to officers, officials, employees, and the public an ethics complaint form.

SECTION III. REPEAL.

The Ethics Ordinance in effect at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance, which was read by the Township Board for the second time on September 8, 2015 and numbered as Amendment 15 to Ordinance 1016, is hereby repealed in its entirety. All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

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Calendar of events

Historic calendars for sale

The 2017 Belleville Area Historical Society calendar is now available and has been discounted to $5.

The calendars can be purchased at several tri-community locations including, Belleville Area Museum, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Belleville City Hall, Garden Fantasy on Main, Sumpter Ace Hardware, Sumpter Township, and the Van Buren Township Hall Treasurer's office.

The museum is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville.

For more information, contact Katie Dallos at (734) 697-1944.

Congregation meets Sunday

Redeemer Lutheran Church offers worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville.

For more information call (734)740-4230 or access www.redeemerlutheranchurch-mi.com.

Art exhibit continues

The Northville Art House is presenting the 11th Annual Member Exhibition, featuring original works in all mediums, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, jewelry, clay, and mixed media. The exhibition showcases the talents of more than 60 member artists of the Northville Art House as well as recognizes the people who support the growth and creativity of the arts in the community.

Applications are being accepted for memberships to be considered for future Northville Art House member exhibitions and events as well as other benefits. Applications are available online at www.northvillearthouse.org, by calling (248) 344-0497, or at the Northville Art House, 215 West Cady St., Northville, Michigan 48167. Memberships start at $30.

The exhibition continues through Saturday, March 25 during Art House hours, noon until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon until 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

Patriotic volunteers sought

Plymouth Township officials are seeking volunteers to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at township hall.

Suggested qualifications include being an active duty or retired military serviceman or woman, a member of a service or Scouting organization, a retired first responder, member of a student government organization or a patriotic citizen.

Interested residents should contact Sue Brams, executive assistant to the supervisor at sbrams@plymouthtwp.org; or call (734)354-3204.

Grief program under way

A grief-recovery seminar and support group will meet at Romulus Wesleyan Church in Romulus at 6 p.m. on Thursdays through May 18. The church is located at 37300 Goddard at Huron River Drive.

GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief and recovery topics. The 13 video sessions include "Effects of Grief," "When Your Spouse Dies," "Your Family and Grief," "Stuck in Grief," and more. Attend any or all sessions. A $15 registration fee will include a workbook/journal and weekly handouts.

More information is available by calling the church at (734) 941-1511 or on the web at www.griefshare.org. Pre-registration is not required.

Museum hosts quilt show

The 21st Annual Quilt Show at the Belleville Are Museum presented in cooperation with the Western Wayne County Quilting Guild, will take place during the entire month of March which has been declared National Quilting Month.

The show theme this year is Quilts Around the World and is open to quilters throughout the area. The exhibition will be open from 3-7 p.m. on Tuesdays and from noon until 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturdays through March 31.

A Viewer's Choice winner will be announced at the end of the month and will be awarded a gift basket filled with assorted quilting supplies. Throughout the month, the museum will feature "Bed Turnings," quilting demonstrations, and a Girl Scouts' Sewing Workshop.

For more information or to volunteer, call Sherry Jones, (734) 729-9022 or Roxann Baker, (734) 485-4271.

The Belleville Area Museum is located at 405 Main St, Belleville.

Church hosts fish fries

St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne is hosting Lenten Fish Fries again this year. The weekly Fish Fries will take place from 4-7 p.m. beginning Friday, March 3. The Friday meals will be served for seven weeks through weeks through Good Friday, April 14.

Dinners are $7 or $10 and include a choice of fried or baked fish, shrimp dinner or Mac-N-Cheese. Each meal comes with French fries or baked potato, cole slaw, roll and lemonade, water or coffee.

Desserts and pop are available for an additional charge. Take outs are available.

The church is located at W Michigan Ave in Wayne.

For more information, call (734) 721-8745.

Buddy Up program begins

Westland will begin the fifth year of the 8-week "Buddy Up" program at 7 p.m. March 3 in the banquet room at city hall where Buddy Shuh, a former contestant on NBC's The Biggest Loser, will speak about the program.

The program will include the six-week triathlon where participants bike, run and swim. This year, participants will be offered an optional weight loss challenge with prizes for the three individuals who lose the most weight.

Registration is limited to the first 250 paid registrants and is available at www.cityofwestland.com. The fee is $30 which includes a tee shirt and an informational binder. This year, participants can compete for the top weight loss prize for an extra $10. Doors will open at city hall at 6 p.m. March 3 and the program will begin at 7 p.m.

Rock 'n' roll concert set

Steve King & The Dittilies will perform a concert of rock 'n' roll music at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The concert is a benefit for the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities and a 7 p.m. welcome reception will precede the concert.

Tickets for the reception and concert are priced at $35.

Tickets can be ordered online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by phone at (734) 394-5460. The concert is sponsored by Community Financial.

The Village Theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

Taste Fest planned in Belleville

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA) will host a Beer and Wine Taste Fest from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, March 4 at BYC, 831 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, 48111.

Tickets are priced at $35 if purchased prior to the event or $40 at the door. The Ticket price includes admission, 10 tasting tickets, entertainment and appetizers from the Twisted Rooster.

The event will also feature a silent auction and live entertainment by Village Strings.

Eight local breweries, three local wineries and two local distillerswill offer craft beers, wines and spirits.

Tickets can be purchased at BYC or the Belleville Chamber of Commerce office or by phone by calling Geof Bush, (734) 776-7596.

The event is a fundraiser for the BACA sponsored Music Lakeside free concerts.

Rock, mineral and fossils for sale

An auction of rocks, minerals and fossils hosted by Roamin' Rock and Mineral Club is planned from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. March 4 and from noon until 5 p.m. March 5.

The two-day event includes a silent auction each hour and a verbal auction of commercially obtained minerals, fossils, crystals and jewelry making materials from all over the world. There is a separate children's area featuring low-priced rocks.

Auction proceeds will benefit a scholarship fund at Schoolcraft College. Admission and parking are free.

The sale will take place at Schoolcraft College, Vistatech Center Building, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

For more information contact Todd Gall at (248) 348-5093 or Clarence Sterling at (248) 981-9673.

Philharmonic celebrates Irish music

The Michigan Philharmonic will present A Touch of the Irish at 2 p.m. March 5 at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

The concert will feature a Celtic celebration of Amy Beach;s Gaelic Symphony. Joseph Deller will be the featured violinist.

For tickets and information, call (734) 451-2112 or visit www.michiganphil.org.

Brain health is topic

Free health screenings will take place from 10:30 until 11 a.m. Wednesday March 8, followed by discussions about brain health during a program at the Dozier Recreational complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

Donna MacDonald and Cheryl Deep from the Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology will speak along with Danielle David of the Alzheimer's Association. David will discuss the 10 early signs of Alzheimers.

The program is free but pre registration is requested. To register, contact Denise Champagne at (313) 561-2382, ext. 223.

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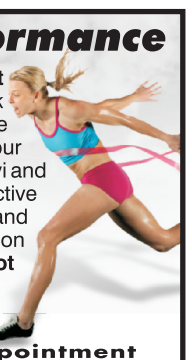

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SECTION V. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION VI. PUBLICATION.

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Charter Township of Plymouth Board Trustees at its regular meeting called and held on the 28th day of February, 2017, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Jerry Vorva, Clerk

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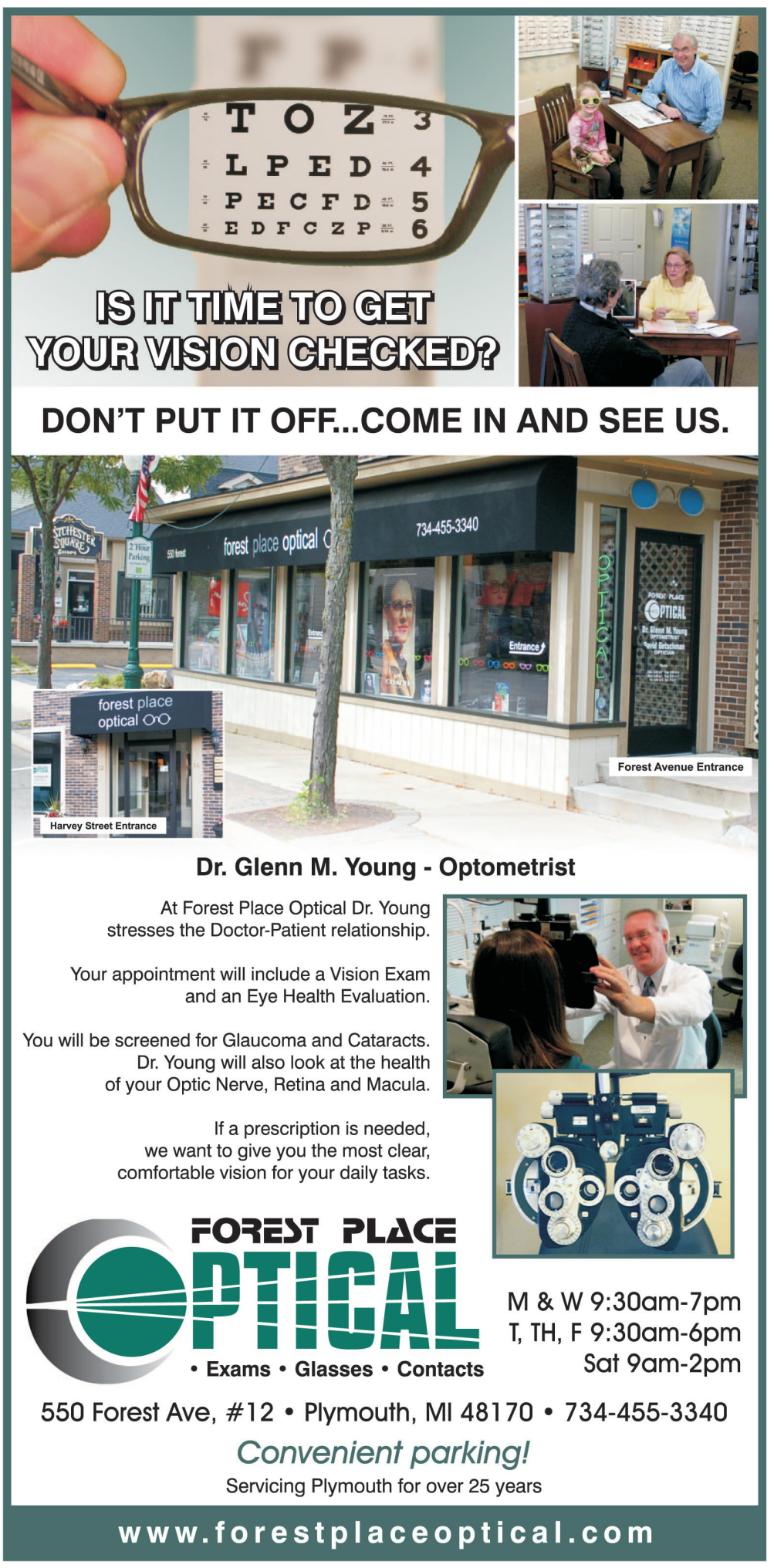
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Calendar of events

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The program screening will be provided by HHC, Quality Home Health Care Services of Michigan.

Lunch will be provided by CENA Healthcare.

Photographers to meet

Members of the only 3D photography club in the state will meet from 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The meeting will feature a presentation of the annual Stereo Sequence Competition entries. These are short programs using up to 20 stereo images by 3D photographers from around the world. After a refreshment break, there will be a drawing for free 3D items. The meeting will conclude with the monthly club 3D image competition.

The meetings are free and open to the public. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org, or call (248) 398-3591.

Business safety seminar set

The Wayne Police Department will host a Business Safety Seminar from 4 until 4:45 p.m. Thursday, March 9.

Light refreshments will be served at the event which will take place at police headquarters, 33701 Michigan Ave. Wayne.

The event is free and open to all Wayne business representatives. Pre-register by calling (734) 629-6822 or emaildirector@downtownwayne.org.

Night For Northville planned

A Night For Northville, a fundraising event for the Northville Educational Foundation, will take place from 7-11 p.m. March 11 at Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center.

The evening will include video horse racing, a $1,000 prize raffle, a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres prepared by college culinary students and a cash bar.

The event is limited to those 21 and older.

Tickets are priced at $50, $15 of which is tax deductible, and includes "money" for betting on races. In addition, attendees can sponsor one of 144 race horses for $25, name the horse and cheer it on to victory. Horse sponsorships include a raffle ticket for the $1,000 prize.

More information and tickets can be found at NightForNorthville.com, or by calling (248) 344-8458.

Famed architect is topic

Yamasaki in Detroit will be the topic of a presentation by Free Press columnist John Gallagher at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14 at the Wayne Public Library.

Best-known for the World Trade Center in New York City, Japanese American architect Minoru Yamasaki (1912-1986) worked to create moments of surprise, serenity, and delight in distinctive buildings around the world. In his adopted home of Detroit, Yamasaki produced many important designs that range from public buildings to offices and private residences.

Gallagher will present both a biography of Yamasaki and discuss select projects spanning from the late 1940s to the end of Yamasaki's life.

To register for this free program, visit the Adult Services Desk or call the Wayne Public Library at (734) 721-7832.

The library is located at 3737 South Wayne Road in Wayne.

'Tested' documentary shown

A special screening of the documentary Tested will take place at 7 p.m. March 16 in the Northville High School Auditorium, 45700 Six Mile Road, in Northville. The film follows a dozen racially and socio-economically diverse New York City eighth graders as they compete for spots in one of nine top-notch public high schools. Getting in to one of these elite schools can change a child's life, but the only way in is to ace a single standardized test, called the Specialized High School Admissions Test.

Admission to the March 16 screening is free and open to all school families and community members. For more information about TESTED, visit www.TestedFilm.com.

Free tax service available

Those with an annual household income less than $54,000 may be eligible for a free tax service available from 1-6 p.m. Wednesday, March 15 and again March 22. The free tax service is provided through the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency and will be offered at the Wayne Public Library.

Walk-ins will be accepted, but an appointment would be preferable. Call (734) 284-6999 or (313) 388-9799 for more information or to make an appointment. Clients must bring Social Security cards and a valid photo identification

Library staff cannot make reservations or provide information on documents necessary for filing. The library is located at 3737 South Wayne Road in Wayne.

Kindergarten round up set

St. Michael Lutheran School at 3003 Hannan Dr. in Wayne will host a kindergarten round-up at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16.

A tour of the school, information about the kindergarten program will be provided. Guests at the round-up will receive a free hot pizza to take home.

For more information call (734) 728-3315.

Park Players to perform

How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying will be presented by The Park Players Theatre Company at 7 p.m. March 17, 18 and 24, 25 at the Gloria Logan Auditorium for Performing Arts, Salem High School Canton.

Tickets for the show are $12 and available at the door or online at https://tpptc.booktix.com/seating.php.

Training sessions scheduled

Frog and Toad Survey training sessions for those interested in monitoring the health of the Rouge River will take place from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, March 18 at Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway in Canton Township.

Each training session will focus on frog and toad identification skills in order to help volunteers determine different species out in the field. Frogs and toads are considered excellent indicators of the environmental quality around us. The more species a site can support, the better the habitat.

Training sessions are open to anyone, child or adult, who is concerned about the environment and wants to play an active role in monitoring its health. The sessions are free and pre-registration is required. To register, call the Friends of the Rouge at (313)792-9621 or visit www.therouge.org.

Business Showcase planned

Community Financial will be the presenting sponsor for the Northville Business Showcase planned for 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. March 18 at Northville High School.

The spotlight will be on the Northville Business Community and the event will also celebrate Michigan made products and b businesses. The business showcase will feature more than 70 diverse businessnes and professionals. Highlights include: giveaways, raffle prizes, Michigan Made products, free information, product samples, coupons, awards for best restaurant/caterer, business display and theme display.

For additional information contact the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or http://www.northville.org

Winter market opens

The Canton Farmers Market will return with special Winter Markets during three Sundays in March and April at the Summit on the Park community recreation center. The Markets will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 19, and April 23, in the Banquet Lobby in the Summit on the Park, located on 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

More than a dozen vendors will be onsite offering a wide assortment of Michigan grown and made products, including: honey, jam, cider, apples, artisan cheese and bread, baked goods, farm eggs, seasonal produce grown in greenhouses and hoop houses (weather permitting) and more. Bridge Card and Double Up Food Bucks transactions will also be accepted.

Tokens can be purchased at the Canton Leisure Services table. Plenty of parking is typically available toward the rear of the Summit Parking lot. Enter through the banquet doors. For more information, call (734) 394-5375.

Healthy Coalition meets

Beaumont Healthy Wayne Community coalition is a partnership between Beaumont Health, Wayne-Westland Community Schools District and the City of Wayne. The coalition meetings are an effort to prevent the incidences of diabetes, cardio-vascular disease, and obesity in the City of Wayne by implementing healthy eating and active living strategies in the community, according to a spokesperson.

Meetings are open to community organizations and citizens at no cost and take place from 8:30-10 a.m. at HYPE Recreation Center Wayne, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

The next meeting is set for March 23.

For more information, contact project manager Lynette Ish-Green at (313) 655-1868.

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